GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF LPG AND KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are going in for the increased import of LPG and Kerosene;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Indian Oil Corporation Limited has floated a tender for buying Kerosene;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is shortage of Kerosene in the country particularly in the rural areas; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The LPG imports during 2001-02 are expected to be higher than the present level due to increase in domestic demand being more than the increase in domestic availability. Imports of kerosene next year are expected to be less than the present level.

(c) & (d): Indian Oil Corporation Limited has floated a tender for import of kerosene oil during March 2001.

(e) & (f): Government has not received any report this year on the shortage of kerosene oil in the country.